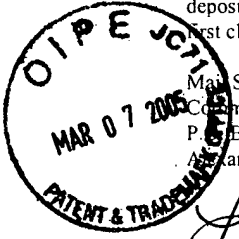


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005 in the above-referenced U.S. Patent application. The Applicants request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of all currently rejected claims in light thereof.